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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COOPERATION BY IAEA WITH URANIUM INSTITUTE

1. MR. B.T. PRICE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE URANIUM INSTITUTE, AN ASSOCIATION OF URANIUM PRODUCERS IN U.K., AUSTRIA, CANADA, FRANCE AND SOUTH AFRICA, HEADQUARTERED IN LONDON, VISITED IAEA RECENTLY. (COPIES OF MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF INSTITUTE BEING POUCHED DEPT.) PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN JUNE 1975, AND COOPERATION WITH IAEA.

2. ACCORDING TO CAMERON, IAEA SECRETARIAT, THE MAIN ACTIVITY PLANNED BY THE INSTITUTE WAS TO MAKE BETTER ESTIMATES OF URANIUM SUPPLY, SINCE THE INSTITUTE WOULD GET DATA FROM ITS MEMBERS. CAMERON POINTED OUT THAT IAEA/NEA STUDIES OBTAINED SUCH DATA FROM GOVERNMENTS WHO OBTAINED INFO FROM PRODUCERS AND IT WOULD BE STRANGE, TO SAY LEAST, IF PRODUCERS ADMITTED INFO THEY GAVE THEIR GOVERNMENTS WAS DIFFERENT THAN INFO GIVEN OTHER PRODUCERS. CAMERON DID POINT OUT TO PRICE THAT MAJOR PROBLEM EXISTED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE AGENCY AND OTHERS HAVE

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LOCATED PROMISING SITUATIONS BUT GOVERNMENTS WERE

UNWILLING TO OPEN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR EXPLOITATION.
(HE GAVE SOMALIA AS EXAMPLE.) PERHAPS INSTITUTE COULD
DO SOMETHING IN THOSE CASES TO FACILITATE PRODUCTION.

3. ON QUESTION OF AGENCY-INSTITUTE COOPERATION, FISCHER
AND CAMERON TOOK CAUTIOUS POSITION WITH PRICE, INDICATING
THAT AGENCY WOULD FIRST WANT BETTER IDEA OF INSTITUTE'S
PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO ASSESS POSSIBLE
CONTRIBUTION TO AGENCY'S PROGRAMS.

4. PRICE WAS TO SEE OECD/NEA FOLLOWING AGENCY VISIT,
FOR SIMILAR DISCUSSION.

5. CAMERON ADVISES THAT AGENCY SECRETARIAT HAS LET
OECD/NEA SECRETARIAT KNOW THAT, IF LATTER WISHES INVITE
INSTITUTE TO ATTEND RELEVANT JOINTLY-SPONSORED IAEA-
OECD/NEA TECHNICAL MEETINGS, AGENCY SECRETARIAT WILL NOT
OBJECT.

6. CAMERON HAS REQUESTED MISSION FOR ANY VIEWS OF USG
RE COOPERATION BY AGENCY ITSELF WITH INSTITUTE, IN LIGHT
OF FACT THAT NO U.S. PRODUCERS ARE MEMBERS OF INSTITUTE.
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER. LABOWITZ

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